

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that the amendment document filed on December 14, 2005 is considered non-compliant for failing to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 because "[n]umerous changes have been made to the claims which are not so indicated." The notice further states that only the section of the amendment document containing the non-compliant amendment must be resubmitted. Accordingly, only the Amendments to the Claims section of the amendment document filed on December 14, 2005 is presented herein for consideration.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 397272000500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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